

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

HARMONY

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AT PLEASANT-HILL CHURCH, LEAKE CO. ME.

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 21ST, 22ND, 1856.

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PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, LEAKE CO., MISS.  
Saturday, September 20, 1856.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder John Rushing, from John, 11 and 56. After which, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder John Rushing. Prayer by Elder J. S. Antley. Elder J. M. Lewis was appointed clerk, *pro tem*.

Brethren J. N. Nichols and Elder Morehead were appointed reading clerks.

Letters were received from twenty-six churches, and the names of delegates enrolled. (See statistical table.)

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers. Brethren C. Price and J. Morris were appointed tellers, who reported the following officers elected, viz.: Elder JOHN RUSHING, Moderator; Elder J. M. LEWIS, Clerk; and Bro. M. W. ELEY, Treasurer.

Rules of Order read.

Petitionary letters were called for and read, as follows: A letter from Hay's Creek Church, petitioning admission into this Association: which letter was received, and the delegates names enrolled.

Letters from corresponding bodies were read, and their delegates invited to seats, as follows:

From Mt. Pisgah Association, a package of minutes; from the



General Association of South Mississippi a letter, and Brethren W. H. Hatsedell and L. Crosby. Which correspondence was received, and the delegates invited to seats. The letter was referred to the Committee on Documents.

The chair appointed the following committees:

On Preaching: Brethren J. N. Nichols, W. W. Elley and J. Leonard.

On Correspondence: Brethren Antley, Morehead, and W. S. Rushing.

On State of Religion: Brethren J. S. Morris, Kelly, and B. W. Taylor.

On Petitions and Requests: Brethren Collier, Herring and Har-  
alson.

On Finance: Brethren Green, Allen, Hill and Green.

The Committee on Preaching submitted the following report:

The Committee on Preaching beg leave to report that they have chosen Bro. P. F. Morehead to preach at this church to-night, and Brethren Morris and Price to preach on Sabbath in order of their names, services to commence at 10 o'clock, a. m., and Brethren Antley and Lewis to preach at candle-light.

J. N. NICHOLS, Chairman

The Association then adjourned to meet on Monday, the 22nd inst. at 8 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by Brother Wm. Deason.

MONDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Morehead.

The roll was called, and absentees marked.

The Treasurer's report was called for; and not being ready, the Association proceeded to miscellaneous business, as follows:

The Chair appointed delegates to corresponding bodies, viz.

To Mt. Pisgah Association—Brother P. M. Gaddis.

To Strong River—Brethren William Deason, I. K. Bass and J. Lawrence.

To Central—Brethren J. M. Lewis, A. Taylor and T. B. Bar-

nett.

To Louisville—Brother Robert C. Genshaw.

To Baptist State Convention—Brethren J. Morris, A. Taylor.



B. W. Taylor, D. L. Stuart and P. M. Gaddis. And the Board requested to appoint other delegates to fill up our ratio of delegation.

The Committee on Correspondence made their report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on the state of Religion submitted a report, which was received and adopted. (See appendix B.)

The Committee on Petitions and Requests made their report, which was received, and the Committee discharged.

The Association voted to hold its next annual session with the Pelahatchie Church, Rankin County, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1857.

The following was adopted as a substitute for the report of the Committee on Petitions and Requests, viz.:

That we return a fraternal answer to the letter from the General Association, of South-Eastern Mississippi, informing them that we are auxiliary to the State Convention; and appointed Brethren Jo's. Morris and B. W. Taylor to bear said answer.

The Committee on Preaching submitted the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the selection of persons to preach the annual sermons, beg leave to report that Brother Morris be requested to preach the next introductory sermon, and Brother R. Crenshaw alternate. Your committee would also recommend the following brethren as an Executive Board for the ensuing associational year: Elders J. Rushing, J. M. Lewis, J. R. Bass, J. Lawrence, R. Crenshaw, W. S. Rushing, Wm. Denson, P. M. Gaddis, J. Morris, and Brethren J. S. Tucker, S. J. Denson, W. S. Cockroft, W. W. Eley and J. N. Nichols. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. N. NICHOLS, Ch'.

The Association went into the consideration of Missionary business whereupon the Board made their report. Received. (See appendix E.)

On motion, it was voted to refer the Missionary business to the Executive Board.

The following resolution was adopted, viz.:

That the time of holding the meeting of the Association be changed to the Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in September.

The Finance Committee made their report, which was received.  
(See appendix F.)

On motion, it was—

*Resolved*, That the Association accept the donation from New Prospect Church.

Bro. S. J. Denson was appointed Bible Agent, and Ja's N. Denson assistant; and they are authorized to prepare a suitable place for keeping the books belonging to the book concern: and that they be paid for their expenses in said preparation.

On motion, it was—

*Resolved*, That the churches be recommended to read and circulate "The Great Iron Wheel," by J. R. Graves; and Orchard's History, as Baptist works of importance and merit.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer hand to the delegates to the convention the money intended for that body. Also, that the Treasurer pay to Brother Hill the money sent up by the churches for his benefit.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have printed one hundred copies of the minutes above those demanded by the churches, and that he receive \$15 00 for his services.

On motion—

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association are due to the people of the neighborhood for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of the Association.

*Resolved*, That our warmest thanks are due to Almighty God for His goodness and mercy in permitting us to assemble together under such favorable circumstances, and that our deepest gratitude is due to Him for the brotherly love, harmony and peace that has characterized our meeting.

The Association then adjourned, with prayer by Bro. Wm. Denson, to meet with the Pellahatchie Church, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1857.

J. M. LEWIS, Clerk.

JOHN RUSHING, Moderator.

# APPENDIX.

## B—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion submit the following report:

*Mt. Sinia.*—At peace among themselves, some accessions.

*Bulluctah.*—Nothing to communicate, but all in peace.

*Good Hope.*—In peace and prosperity.

*New Hope.*—Have been refreshed.

*Fellowship.*—Are increasing in brotherly love with all who love the Saviour.

*Mt. Pisgah.*—Have been much revived; pay their Pastor a salary of \$44 50.

*Providence.*—Not doing as well as they wish.

*Samaria.*—Cold; and need the prayers of their brethren.

*New Prospect.*—In peace and harmony among themselves.

*Bethesda.*—Harmony and universal love prevail.

*Mt. Zion.*—All in peace and harmony.

*Pelawatchie.*—Have had a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, with valuable accessions.

*Rehoboth.*—In a prosperous condition.

*Jerusalem.*—In a healthy condition.

*Brandon.*—Peace prevails, for which they feel thankful, a good degree of religious interest among the Blacks.

*Thomastown.*—Remain as they were.

*Mt. Carmel.*—Cold; but in peace.

*Doak's Creek.*—Nothing cheering; at peace.

*Pensacola.*—Complains of coldness and barrenness.

*Black Jack Grove.*—Cold until recently, when they were much revived. Some accessions.



*Mill Creek.*—Have cause to mourn, having lost their house of worship. We advise them to build another.

*Pleasant Hill.*—Have regular preaching.

*Liberty.*—Have a respectable house of worship; have been revived; some valuable accessions.

*Ebenezer.*—Cold and luke-warm, no Pastor nor preaching.

*Cato Springs.*—Are in the midst of a great revival; are much refreshed.

In reviewing the state of religion among the Churches as reported by themselves, your committee are of opinion that our cause is gaining ground. Yet believe that a faithful discharge of Pastoral duties on the part of our Ministers, with great diligence and self denial on the part of membership, is very desirable and important. All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. MORRIS.

B. W. TAYLOR, } Committee.

J. M. KELLY, }

## E.—REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Your Board would devoutly acknowledge the goodness and mercy of God in permitting them again to meet with you and report the results of their labors.

They beg leave to report that they held their first meeting for the year, at Jerusalem church, in March last, and appointed three missionaries, viz: Elders J. Lawrence, W. S. Rushing and Wm. Denson. Bro. Lawrence to fill the station at Coleman's Mill, 10 miles south east of Brandon. Bro. Denson to fill a station near the mouth of Shoocolo. Bro. Rushing to fill a station at Cogan School-house, in Neshoba county, and one at Centre, in Attala county. The Board also raised a fund of \$23 25 cents for the Bible fund, and ordered the agent to use it for the purpose of purchasing Baptist works.

Their next meeting was held at Mt. Pisgah Church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in June. Bro. Lawrence reported that he had filled the station allotted to him, up to that time, having traveled 150 miles labored 8 days and preached 2 sermons. Bro. Denson



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reported that he had visited the station allotted him; found a constituted and dispensed with his labors, and charged the Association nothing. Bro. Rushing reported that he had occupied both his stations, traveled 260 miles, preached 7 sermons, and spent in service 19 days.

The Board met again at Bro. J. M. Rushing's, on the 20th of September, and received the report of Bro. W. S. Rushing, as follows: traveled 262 miles, spent 24 days, preached 13 sermons, baptized 7 and received two more for baptism, with a deep interest and desiring you to continue your missionary labors with them. Bro. Lawrence was absent, and we are sorry to learn that he was kept away by sickness.

The Bible Agent reported as follows:

Amount paid into his hands as per vouchers.	\$148 20
Credit—By amount of old books on hand	28 00
By amount of bills rendered	121 10

He suggests the propriety of raising a fund sufficient to purchase a general assortment of Baptist works; as receiving and forwarding a small lot is costly and inconvenient. That he found it necessary to procure the books ordered by the Board, to advance the sum of \$7 60, and desires to be dismissed from office.

The whole number of days spent in service by your Missionaries is fifty-one. The Board passed an order on the Treasurer for the payment of your missionaries.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. RUSHING, *Chairman*.

J. M. LEWIS, *Secretary*.

## F.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

WM. W. ELEY, *Treasurer, in Account.*

Sept. 17th, 1855.	This amount on hand per last report, . . .	\$300 63
" " "	This amount received of Financial Committee, . . .	\$273 10
December 1st.	Received of Rehoboth Church, . . .	7 30
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June 28, 1856.	From New Hope Church, . . .	29 50
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For associational purposes, . . .		\$334 33
" Superannuated Ministers, . . .		\$132 05
" Home Missions, . . .		31 25
" Indian Missions, . . .		73 15
" Bible Cause, . . .		50
Collection on Sabbath, . . .		50
For Foreign Missions, . . .		15 85
" African " . . .		7 50
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" W. T. Clark ..... 4 50

" Elder William Denson, Missionary ..... 4 50

" " " Messenger ..... 3 00

" J. L. Hines, Messenger ..... 4 50

" W. S. Rushing " ..... 6 00

" H. Hill, superannuated minister ..... 49 25

" I. Lawrence, for missionary labor ..... 80 00

" C. C. Allen, for printing minutes, &amp;c. 51 00

" I. Lawrence, on Cato Springs order, 3 40

" J. L. Hines, missionary ..... 45 00

December 1st.

" J. Lawrence, balance on Cato Spr'gs

order ..... 21 60

June 28, 1856.

Paid J. R. Bass, missionary ..... 16 50

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" H. Hill, superannuated minister ..... 10 75

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By amount on hand ..... 29 82

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W. W. ELEY, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, Financial Committee, have examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correct, during the present session, from churches. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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"	Indian Missions, . . . . .	73	15
"	Bible Cause, . . . . .		50
	Collection on Sabbath, . . . . .	15	85
	For Foreign Missions, . . . . .	7	50
"	African, . . . . .	1	00
"	Chinese Bible, . . . . .	1	50
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TABLE, SHOWING THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.	W. L. D.	CONGREGATION.	MEMBERS.
Bethesda,.....	Madison	William Tucker, E. Williamson,	Canton,	1919	2	
Bethlehem,.....	Scott,	Not represented.	Hillboro,	1847	1	
Donk's Creek,.....	Madison	J. N. Nichols, E. Atkinson,*	Canton,	1833	2	
Fellowship,.....	Leake,	S. H. Horne, L. M. Kelley,	Walnut Grove,	1847		
Good Hope,.....	Madison	S. Martin,* J. H. Mitchell,	Canden,	1850		
Harmony,.....		Not represented.	Carthage,	1849		
Judson,.....		Not represented.	Sulphur Springs,	1847		
Jerusalem,.....	Scott,	J. Leonard, S. J. Denson,	Ludlow,	1837		
Liberty,.....	Rankin,	A. Jones, L. Rester,	Brandon,	1839	12	1
Mount Sinai,.....	Neshoba	D. Owen,* J. Cannon,	Philadelphia,	1839	5	1
Mount Pisgah,.....	Rankin,	William Denson, Joseph Antley,	Densetown,	1831	20	
Mill Creek,.....	Rankin,	J. Rester,* S. Butler,	Brandon,	1845		
Mount Zion,.....	Leake,	J. Rushing, H. Brantly,	Carthage,	1851		
Mount Carmel,.....	Leake,	P. F. Morehead, Allen Walton,	Edinburg,	1851	1	1
New Hope,.....	Madison	A. Taylor, J. M. Lewis, J. R. Bass,*	Battle Springs,	1840	66	
Providence,.....		Not represented.		1848		
Providence,.....	Leake,	L. Merchant, S. Treadwell,	Carthage,	1850		
Pleasant Hill,.....	Leake,	J. F. Johnson, H. S. McCarty,	Carthage,	1849		
Pensacola,.....	Leake,	J. Beard, H. Collier,	Carthage,	1848		
Pelahatchie,.....	Rankin,	J. Morris, B. W. Taylor,	Pelahatchie,	1852	26	
Rehoboth,.....	Rankin,	J. Lawrence,* W. M. Buckner,	Goshen Springs,	1852	14	
Samaria,.....	Attala,	L. S. Terry, H. H. Herrin,	Bluff Springs,	1849	12	
Thomastown,.....	Leake,	G. Allen, J. Brown,	Thomastown,	1852	1	
Ebenezer,.....	Attala,	G. W. Lansdale,	Newtownville,	1853	4	
New Prospect,.....	Rankin,	W. Hill,* B. Ayers, D. Robbins,*	Brandon,	1854	4	
Cato Springs,.....	Rankin,	W. H. Martin,	Cato Springs,	1854	19	
Brandon,.....	Rankin,	I. Hudnell, W. Montague,	Brandon,	1854	5	

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100 copies of Minutes were ordered by the Association.



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SATURDAY, September 26th, 1857.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Elder Morris, who was appointed to preach the annual sermon, being absent, Elder R. Crenshaw preached the introductory discourse from 2d Cor., 6th and 1st.

After which, the Association was called to order by the moderator, Elder J. Rushing.

Prayer by the moderator.

The Association then proceeded to business, as follows:

Brethren I. N. Nichols and J. S. Antley appointed reading clerks.

Letters were received from 25 churches; read, and the delegates names enrolled. (See statistical table.)

On motion, Bro. R. Edwards was added to the Committee of Finance, in place of Bro. Green, absent.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers.

Brethren A. W. Chambliss and S. J. Denson, were appointed tellers, who reported the following officers elected:

Moderator—ELDER WM. DENSON:

Treasurer—W. W. ELEY:

Clerk—ELDER J. M. LEWIS:

Rules of order were read.

On motion, a committee was appointed on preaching, consisting of I. R. Bass, Wm. B. Smith, W. W. Nichols, G. D. McFarland and R. Edwards.

Petitionary letters called for and read, as follows:

A letter from Union Church, Attala county, requesting admission into this Association.

On motion, the church was admitted and took their seat in the Association.

The committee on Preaching made the following report:

"Your committee on Preaching, ask leave to make their report, as follows:



Bro. C. S. McCleod to preach at half-past ten o'clock on Sabbath, after which a collection will be taken, and an intermission of thirty minutes; and then a sermon from Bro. A. W. Chambliss: at the close of which the Lord's Supper will be administered."

Which report was adopted.

Letters from corresponding bodies called for and received, as follows:

(A Letter from Central Association, and her delegates, Elders C. S. McCleod, Benjamin Whitfield and G. W. Whitfield.

Also a package of Minutes from Strong River Association, and her delegates, Eld. R. D. Middleton.

(Brother B. Whitfield presented a letter from the President of the Board of Trustees of Clinton College, and asked permission to present the claims of the College.

Permission granted; and on motion the subject of Clinton College was made the order for 11 o'clock, on Monday.

Committees were then appointed on various subjects, as follows:

*On Correspondence*—Brethren J. S. Autley, J. N. Nichols, J. M. Pierson.

*On the state of Religion*—I. N. Nichols, R. Crenshaw, I. Malory.

*On Petitions, Requests, and Examination of Documents*—Brethren J. Rushing, P. M. Gaddis, I. R. Bass.

*On Finance*—R. Edwards, G. Allen, W. Hill.

On motion, a committee on Periodicals was appointed, as follows:

T. B. Barnett, I. S. Autley, I. Lawrence.

To nominate persons to preach the regular sermons at the next session, and to nominate the Board:—

Brethren I. R. Bass, Wm. B. Smith, W. W. Nichols, G. D. McFarland, R. Edwards.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That each church in this Association be requested to have the Lord's Supper celebrated on the Lord's day, included in the annual meetings of this body, where the meeting is held with said church.

(Bro. C. S. McCleod asked leave to present the claims of the "Central Female Institute."

Granted, and made the order for 10 o'clock, on Monday.

The Association then adjourned to meet on Monday, the 28th inst., at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Bro. J. M. Lewis.

SABBATH EXERCISES.—At half-past 10 o'clock, Bro. C. S. McCleod preached an interesting discourse from Psalms, the 97th and 1st.



After which, a collection was taken, amounting to \$40 15.  
 After an intermission, Bro. A. W. Chambliss delivered an able discourse from Isaiah, the 1st and 18th.  
 After which, the Lord's Supper was celebrated.  
 Brethren G. W. Whitfield and R. D. Middleton, preached at night.

MONDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Association met. Prayer by Bro. B. Whitfield.  
 On motion, the rules were suspended, to appoint corresponding delegates, who were appointed as follows:  
*To Mount Pisgah Association*—Elder I. Lawrence.  
*Strong River*—I. Mallory, J. Rushing, J. S. Antley.  
*Central*—J. M. Lewis, I. R. Bass, E. B. Harvey.  
*Louisville*—Bros. D. Giddings, L. S. Terry.  
*State Convention*—J. M. Lewis, I. R. Bass, I. N. Nichols, T. B. Barnett, E. B. Harvey.

Reports of committees called for.

The committee on Correspondence reported a letter to the Central Association, and also one to the Strong River Association, which were adopted, and the delegates to the other corresponding bodies directed to prepare letters, and bear them.

Committee on Preaching, made the following report, which was adopted.

Brethren B. Whitfield and J. Rushing, to preach to-day, in order of their names.

The committee on State of Religion, made their report, which was received. [See Appendix A.]

On motion, a committee consisting of Brethren Moorhead, Rushing, Tullis, Gaddis and Crenshaw, was appointed to visit the Harmony Church, and report at the next meeting of this body. The moderator was added, by motion.

Also, a committee to visit Mal Creek Church, consisting of Brethren Bass, Lewis, Smith and Harvey. Moderator added, by motion.

On motion, Bro. B. Whitfield was requested to address the Association on the subject of the College at this hour (10 o'clock instead of 11 o'clock, as he has to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock).

At the close of the address, the following resolutions were adopted:

1st. *Resolved*, That we highly approve of the effort that has been made by the Trustees of the Mississippi College at Clinton, to endow that Institution, and of that which they are now making to raise a building fund.

2d. *Resolved*, That we recommend the same to the favorable consideration of our brethren and the friends of education within our bounds.

The hour having arrived, (10 o'clock) Bro. C. S. McCloud delivered an able address in behalf of Central Female Institute.

Reports of committees resumed.

Committee on Petitions and Requests, report, as follows:

"That only one of the letters of the churches contain a request for the meeting of this body, to be held with the church, represented by said letter, viz: the letter from Hayes' Creek. We therefore recommend that our next meeting be held with that church." The church at Thomastown having made a verbal request through her delegates, a vote was taken between Hayes' Creek and Thomastown Churches, which resulted in favor of Thomastown. The next meeting of this body, therefore, will be held with the Thomastown church, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1858.

The committee to nominate preachers for the next meeting, and to nominate an executive board, requested further time to report. Granted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the meetings of the Board be held in regular order of the districts.

The Finance Committee made their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The Treasurer's report was received and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to write to Bro. Goss, in reference to the money sent through him to the State Convention.

The committee on Periodicals, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

"Your committee on Periodicals, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, the necessity of an able and faithful organ of our denomination in our own State, is apparent to all, as an exponent of our peculiar tenets and principles, and as a medium of religious instruction and information for the masses of the people; and whereas, such an organ has been, and is now, being published, under the editorial management of our highly esteemed and able Brother, Elder J. T. Freeman, at Jackson, in this State, at \$2 50, in advance: Therefore—

*Resolved*, That we hail with delight the establishment of a Baptist paper in our State, as an organ of our denominational interests and principles, and as a medium of information for the people at large.

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*Resolved*, That we endorse the "Mississippi Baptist" and its Editor, as being able and faithful exponents and advocates of the Truth.

*Resolved*, That we will endeavor to sustain the "Mississippi Baptist," by our prayers, contributions and subscriptions.

*Resolved*, That every individual subscriber endeavor to procure at least two additional subscribers, or pay for one or two extra numbers and send them where they may do good.

*Resolved*, That each of us will act as volunteer agents as far as lies in our power.

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the patronage of the members of our churches, our State organ, the "Mississippi Baptist."

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be not only spread upon our minutes, but that they be sent to the Mississippi Baptist, for publication.

T. B. BARNETT, Chairman.

The committee on Preaching and to nominate the Board, made their report, which was recommitted, with instructions to change the number of the Board from 19 to 13. It was then presented as altered, and received and adopted, to-wit:

The committee to whom was referred the selection of persons to preach the annual sermons, beg leave to report that Bro. J. M. Lewis be requested to preach the next introductory sermon, and Bro. P. F. Moorehead alternate.

Your committee would recommend the following brethren as an Executive Board, for the ensuing Associational year:

Wm. Denson, Wyley M. Pope, J. M. Pierson, J. H. Butler, J. M. Lewis, W. W. El, J. Rushing, S. J. Denson, P. F. Moorehead, I. N. Nichols, J. S. Tucker, Green, Allen, and R. Crenshaw.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

I. R. BASS, Chairman.

The Executive Board made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix D.]

A Committee was, on motion, appointed to examine the Bible Agent's Report, viz, P. M. Gaddis, J. M. Pierson.

On motion, the Missionary business was referred to the Board.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the money sent up by the churches for the use of Bro. Hill, be paid by the Treasurer to Bro. Lansdale, to convey it to Bro. Hill.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That our delegates to corresponding bodies be paid the same amount per day that is paid to our Missionaries. (Standing resolution.)



On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are tendered to the Church and neighborhood, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the body this present session. Union Meetings. [See Appendix E.]

The Association ordered 125 extra copies of Minutes.

On motion, the Clerk and Treasurer were allowed \$20 each, for their services.

Ordered that the rules of decorum, of order, and articles of faith, be printed in the Minutes.

On motion, adjournal to meet in the Thomastown Church, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1858.

Prayer by Elder C. S. McCloud.

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## APPENDIX.

### A REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

- Deplenda*—complains of some difficulties, but hopes for better days to come.
- Bethlehem*—in a languishing condition, and a portion of the time no preaching.
- Doake's Creek*—in a cold and lukewarm state.
- Fellowship*—in a healthful condition, and a growth in grace and in the knowledge of the truth.
- Good Hope*—in a prosperous condition.
- Harmony*—not represented, and should be visited by Committee.
- Judith*—dissolved.
- Jerusalem*—no better.
- Mount Sinai*—in a prosperous condition, with some additions to the Church.
- Mount Pisgah*—complains of coldness, but at peace amongst themselves.
- Mill Creek*—not represented.
- Mount Zion*—in a growing and prosperous condition.
- Mount Carmel*—peace abounds.
- New Hope*—in a healthy condition.
- Provident*—not heard from.
- Provident*—Lake Co. has had a refreshing from the presence of the Lord.
- Pleasant Hill*—Brotherly love prevails, and asks the prayers of the Association.
- Pensacola*—at peace one with another.
- Relaxat hic*—complains of a general declension—at peace amongst themselves.
- Delobuth*—complains of coldness and lukewarmness.
- Samaria*—in peace and harmony, and ask the prayers of the Association.
- Thomastown*—Spiritual condition not reported.
- Ebenezer*—all in peace.
- New Prospect*—Peace and harmony prevails.
- Cato Springs*—in peace, and prospect of a revival; cheering intelligence.
- Brandon*—in a healthy condition.
- Belucia*—Brotherly love abounds.
- Black Jack Grove*—
- Hoyes' Creek*—Have been revived from the presents of the Lord.
- Liberty*—Nothing of interest to communicate.

## ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.	When Constituted.
Bethesda.....	Madison,	O. F. Hellingstedt, J. S. Tucker.	Franklin.	1848
Bethlehem.....	Scott.	H. Chambers, B. B. Banks.	Hudson.	1847
Braunton.....	Rankin.	E. B. Harvey, J. W. Melton.	Franklin.	0
Bullhead.....	Leake.	H. M. Gentry, W. W. Floyd.	Franklin.	0
Cady Springs.....	Rankin.	T. Mallory, J. C. Gentry.	Coal Hills.	2
Doake's Creek.....	Madison.	N. W. Nichols, J. N. Nichols.	Franklin.	1854
Ebenezer.....	Attala.	J. M. Brown, E. W. Taylor.	Franklin.	1853
Mt. Carmel.....	Leake.	J. F. Mendenhall, Thomas Tucker.	Franklin.	1853
Fellowship.....	Leake.	G. C. Harper, E. C. C.	Franklin.	1851
Good Hope.....	Madison.	F. H. Mitchell, J. S. W.	Franklin.	1847
Hayes' Creek.....	Scott.	J. C. Havelson, A. Brazzelle.	Franklin.	1850
Liberty.....	Rankin.	Thomas Trice, J. G.	Franklin.	1856
Mt. Pisgah.....	Rankin.	William Denson, J. S. Antley.	Franklin.	1839
Mt. Sinai.....	Neshoba.	William Tullie, H. Peterson.	Densontown.	1831
Mt. Zion.....	Leake.	F. Tresling, D. D. Peedy.	Franklin.	1839
New Hope.....	Madison.	F. C. Bass, A. Taylor, T. B. Burnett, and J. M. Lewis.	High Hill.	1851
New Prospect.....	Rankin.	W. Hill, J. H. Butler.	Rate Springs.	1840
Palahatchie.....	Rankin.	J. D. McFarland, W. B. Smith.	Franklin.	1854
Pensacola.....	Leake.	H. Collier, S. Wiggins.	Palahatchie.	1852
Pleasant Hill.....	Leake.	F. S. McCarty, J. Rogers.	Franklin.	1848
Providence.....	Leake.	H. Crenshaw, I. Merchant.	Franklin.	1849
Rehoboth.....	Attala.	I. Lawrence, W. Burkner.	Franklin.	1850
Samaria.....	Leake.	D. Griffin, L. S. Terry.	Franklin.	1852
Thomastown.....	Leake.	K. Edwards, G. Allen.	Franklin.	1849
Union.....	Attala.	T. Johnson, J. Feder.	Franklin.	1852
Not represented.			Kosciusko.	1856
Harmony.....		Reported Dissolved.		1849
Judson.....				1847
Hill Creek.....				1845
Providence.....				1848
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Jerusalem.....	Scott.	J. M. Pearson, J. M. Duffin.	Franklin.	1837

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(APPENDIX B.)  
REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, the Finance Committee, beg leave to report that, during the present session, we have received and paid over to the Treasurer, \$382 55, to-wit:

For Domestic Missions,.....	\$70 50
" Foreign do.,.....	7 09
" India do.,.....	7 35
" China do.,.....	2 00
" African do.,.....	4 50
" Bible Cause,.....	7 30
" Foreign do.,.....	50
" Minutes,.....	14 45
" Superannuated Ministry,.....	71 75
" Associational purposes,.....	157 15
" Collections on Lord's Day,.....	40 15

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We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find it to be correct; all of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

(APPENDIX C.)  
REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

WM. W. ELEY, TREASURER.

*In Aect. with the Harmony Baptist Association.*

1856.	DR.
Sept. 22nd. Amount on hand per last report,.....	\$29 83
" " received of Financial Committee at Pleasant Hill Church,.....	268 95
" " received of A. Goss, at do.....	60

1857.	
March 28th. Amount received of J. Lawrence, reported by him received of Dr. Manney,.....	12 50

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1858.	CR.
Sept. 22nd. Paid Elder Wm. Denson, on order, in favor of J. L. Hines,.....	\$ 5 00
" Paid Elder R. Crenshaw, Messenger to Yazoo Association,.....	9 00
" " J. N. Nichols, Messenger to Central Association,.....	9 00
" " Elder H. Hill, Superannuated Minister,...	31 25

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" " J. M. Lewis, for printing Minutes,..... 50 00  
" " Elder H. Hill, on order, for Missionary  
labor, in 1854,..... 13 00  
" " W. S. Rushing, for Missionary labor, .. 64 50

1857.

March 28th. Paid Isaac Lawrence, Messenger to Strong  
River,..... 10 50  
" " J. Lawrence, for same, in 1856,..... 12 00  
" " J. Lawrence, for Missionary services, .. 12 00  
" " J. Lawrence, for do. do. .... 15 00  
May 31st. Paid Elder H. Hill, for Missionary labor,.... 30 00  
Jan. 19th. " J. M. Lewis, for postage, &c.,..... 10 15  
Feb. 5th. " Elder J. Morris, Messenger to State Con-  
vention,..... 36 35  
Sept. 28th. Amount on hand,..... 4 13

\$311 83

WM. W. ELEY, Treasurer.

We, the Financial Committee, have examined the above, and  
find it correct.  
R. EDWARDS, Chairman.

## (APPENDIX D.)

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Board, beg leave to report that, since your last session, they have had in their employment, five Missionaries, who have occupied five different stations. But, owing to the inclemency of the weather, your Missionaries have not been able to labor as efficiently as they would have done. And your Board would earnestly recommend a more vigorous effort on the part of the churches and Association, to supply the destitution within their bounds, with the word of life. Your Missionaries have performed the following labors: Labored 96 days, preached 40 sermons, traveled 936 miles, received by baptism 12, and constituted one church. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. LEWIS, Secretary. WM. DENSON, Chairman.

## (APPENDIX E.)

### UNION MEETINGS.

The Union Meetings are held on the 5th Sabbaths, as follows:  
The first with the Jerusalem Church, Scott County.  
2nd. With the Bethesda Church, Madison County.  
3rd. With the Mt. Sinai Church, in Neshoba County.



## (APPENDIX F.)

## RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 1st. At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer, by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may request.

ART. 2. Visiting brethren of our faith and order, may be invited to seats, and debate on all subjects, but vote on none.

ART. 3. Every motion made and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, at the request of any member.

ART. 4. Motions made, and lost, shall not be recorded on the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

ART. 5. If any proposition or motion, under debate, contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

ART. 6. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat, and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly, under debate; cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof; and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

ART. 7. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any one motion, unless by permission of the Association.

ART. 8. If, when motion has been made and seconded, a member shall oppose its being discussed, the Moderator shall immediately put the question, *shall this question be discussed?* which, if negatived, the original motion shall be immediately put to the body, without debate.

ART. 9. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on all questions under debate. He shall rise from his seat to put questions to the body.

ART. 10. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

ART. 11. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

ART. 12. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

ART. 13. No member shall finally depart from the Association, without leave of the body.

ART. 14. On the opening of business, the second day, the roll of Delegates to be called, and all absentees marked.

ART. 15. *Order of Business.*—The order of business on the first day of the session, immediately after the reading of the communications from the churches, shall be:

1st. Election of Officers.

2d. To call for Petitionary letters from churches, for admission into our Union.

3rd. To call for letters from Corresponding bodies.

- 4th. Reading of the rules of order.
- 5th. Unfinished business.
- 6th. Appointment of Committees.
  - (1) On Preaching.
  - (2) On Correspondence.
  - (3) On State of Religion.
  - (4) On Petitions and requests of examination of Documents.
  - (5) On Finance.
  - (6) To nominate persons to preach the regular sermons at the next session, and to nominate a Board of Managers.
  - (7) To select the place for the next meeting of the Association.
  - (8) Miscellaneous business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS SECOND DAY.

- (1) To call for Reports from Committees [Committee on Preaching excepted] in the order in which they are appointed.
- (2) Missionary business.
- (3) Miscellaneous business.

ART. 16. The Minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, before the Association rises.

ART. 17. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the Minutes.

ART. 18. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration, amendment, or suspension, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting.

J. S. ANTLEY, *Chairman.*

(APPENDIX G.)

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.—We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian Union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.—We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. **OF THE FALL OF MAN.**—We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin; without defence or excuse.

IV. **OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.**—We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who took upon Him our nature, yet without sin; honored the Divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven; and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfections, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Saviour.

V. **OF JUSTIFICATION.**—We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ, of his fullness, bestows on such as believe on him, is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. **OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.**—We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

VII. **OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.**—We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII. **OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.**—We believe that Election purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that, being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer,



praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy : that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree ; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel, is the foundation of Christian assurance ; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

IX. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS. — We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end ; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors ; that a special Providence watches over their welfare ; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL. — We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government ; that it is holy, just, and good ; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfil its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin : to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XI. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED. — We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked : that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in His esteem ; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are in His sight wicked, and under the curse ; and this distinction holds among men, both in and after death.

XII. OF THE WORLD TO COME. — We believe that the end of this world is approaching ; that, at the Last Day, Christ will descend from Heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution ; that a solemn separation will then take place ; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy ; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

### (APPENDIX H.)

#### GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Law-giver of his Church ; that the government is with the body, the

Church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church, until his second coming.

4. We believe that Immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ, are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptised Church Members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the gospel, and give themselves, as members, to the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every Church, to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

### (APPENDIX J.)

### REPORT OF BIBLE AGENT.

*To the Missionary Board of the Harmony Baptist Association:*

Your Agent would respectfully report the amount of books sold, monies, &c.

1856.

Sept.	To amount monies collected at Association, with P. Hill church,.....	DR.	
			\$31 50

1857.

Jan.	By amount freight on books, bought of Toon, Nelson & Co., .....	CR.	
			6 25
April 6th.	By cash paid Graves, Marks & Co., as per bill rendered, .....		60 00

Amount received for Books sold, .....	\$66 25
" Not collected for Books sold, .....	22 70
" Of Books on hand this date, .....	16 60
All of which is respectfully submitted.	69 71

Sept. 25, 1857.

S. J. DENSON, Agent.

We, the Committee, to whom was referred the Bible Agent's Report, have examined the said report, and find it correct.

J. M. PEARSON, Chairman.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Harmony Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

### FRIENDSHIP CHURCH,

LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

September 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1867.

JACKSON, MISS.:

CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN BOOK AND JOB OFFICE PRINT.

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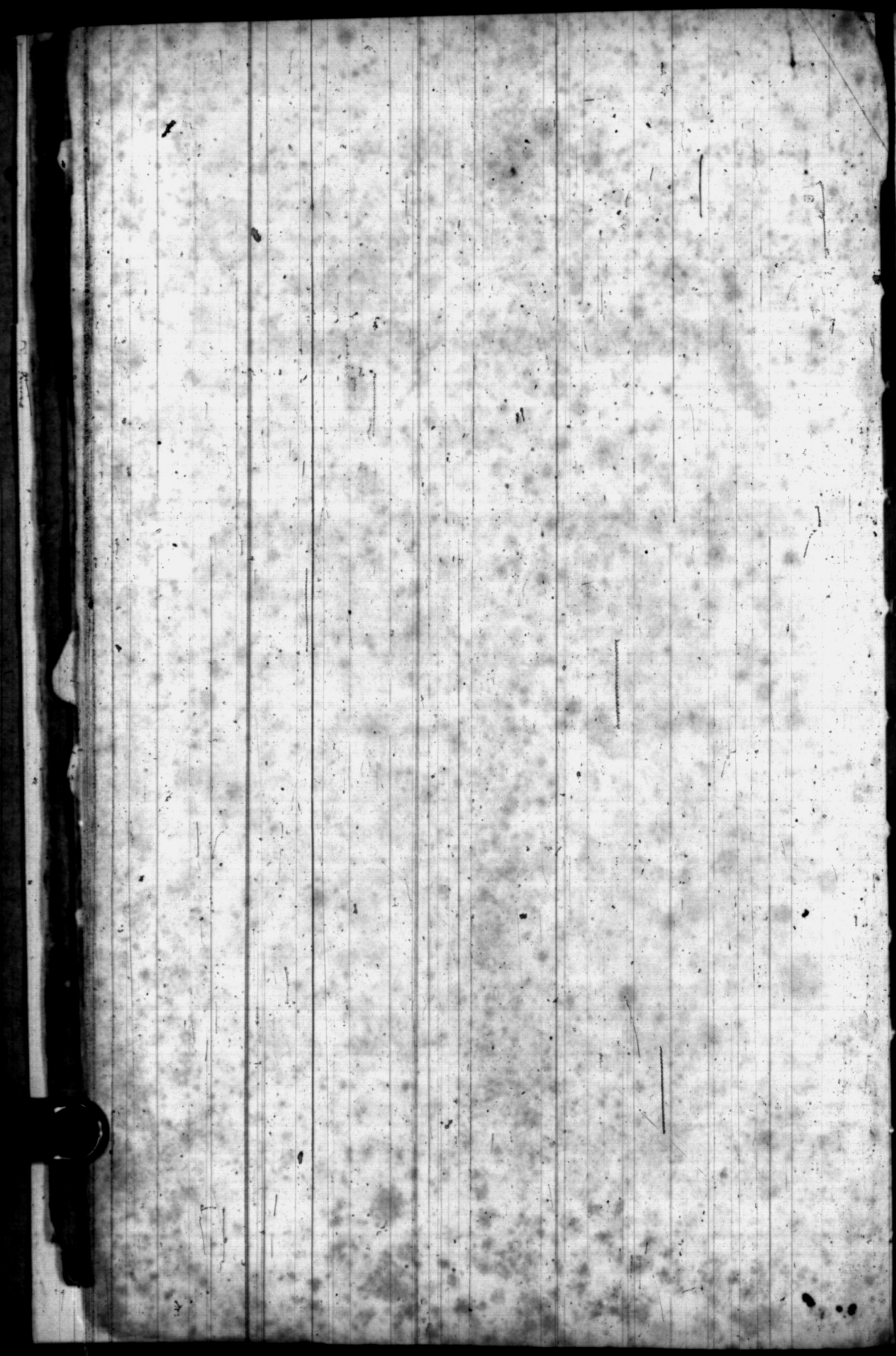
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## SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

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SATURDAY, Sept. 21, 1867.

The HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in annual session, with the FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, Leake County, Miss., pursuant to adjournment.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder ALFRED MARSHALL, from Matthew 5th chap. and part of the 14th verse: "Ye are the light of the world."

After an intermission of one hour, during which the Delegates and congregation partook of a bountiful repast, the Delegates again assembled in the house, and were called to order by the Clerk.

The Clerk proceeded to read a communication from the Moderator, J. M. LEWIS, in which he stated his inability to attend this meeting of the body on account of sickness. Whereupon, on motion, Bro. J. S. ANTLEY was called to preside, *pro tem*.

Elders W. R. BUTLER and S. J. DENSON were appointed to occupy the stand at this hour.

The body was now opened by praise. Prayer by Eld. JOHN RUSHING.

A Committee on Finance was appointed, consisting of W. B. Talbot, J. W. BILBRO and W. W. NICHOLS.

Bros. J. H. WHITFIELD and J. N. NICHOLS were appointed to read the correspondence from the churches.

Communications were received and read from twenty three churches. Three churches dissolved and two not represented.

Petitionary letters were received, as follows, to wit:

A letter from Salem Baptist Church, asking admission into this body; was received, and after some discussion, the rules were suspended, and she admitted as a con-

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stituent member of this Association, and her Delegates welcomed to seats.

The body now proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing Associational year of 1867-8.

Bros. A. EASTLAND and STARK W. BANKS were appointed Tellers, who, after receiving the vote of the body, announced those elected, *to-wit*:

WM. McMURTRAY, Moderator.

J. N. DENSON, Clerk.

W. W. ELEY, Treasurer.

The Moderator elect was conducted to the Chair by the Moderator, *pro tem.*, who after making some remarks, announced the body ready for business.

A Committee on Preaching was appointed, consisting of W. B. TALBOT, J. N. NICHOLS, J. M. PEARSON and the deacons of this church; to which was subsequently added, to nominate persons to preach the next annual sermons, and a Board of Managers: Bros. P. M. GADDIS, W. W. STEWART and ROBT. REDDING.

Letters from corresponding bodies were called. Upon which a letter and package of Minutes were received from our sister—the Mt. Pisgah Association, through her Delegates, Elder W. R. Butler and Bro. A. Eastland, who were welcomed to seats.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, *to-wit*:

ON CORRESPONDENCE:—J. S. Antley, J. S. Denson and J. H. Whitfield.

ON STATE OF RELIGION.—Alfred Marshall, R. G. Barrett and George Thornton.

ON PETITIONS AND REQUESTS.—P. M. Gaddis, Green Allen and Robert Redding.

THE COMMITTEE ON PREACHING reported as follows:  
To preach to night at 7 o'clock: Elds Booth & Crenshaw.

“ Sunday, 11 A. M.: “ Butler & Marshall.

“ Sunday, 2 P. M.: Elds McMurtray & Barrett.

“ Sunday, 7 P. M.: Elds J. E. Pearson & Denson

“ Monday, 10 A. M. Elds Antley & Rushing.

W. B. TALBOT, Ch'n.

On motion the following special Committees were appointed, as follows, *to-wit*:

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—Bros. Marshall, Denson, Antley and Whitfield.

ON PUBLICATIONS.—Bros Marshall, Denson, Antley and Whitfield.



ON MISSIONS.—Bros Whitfield, Marshall and Crenshaw.  
Bros Guice and Kenedy were excused from further attendance on this body.

The body now adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

## Sabbath Exercises.

SUNDAY, Sept. 22, 1867.

Eld. W. R. Butler, preached at 11 o'clock A. M., from the 1st chap. and a part of the 16th verse of Paul to the Romans: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;" followed by Elder Alfred Marshall, at the close of which a collection was taken up for Home Missions, amounting to \$26 05.

Elder Wm. McMurtray at 2 o'clock P. M., from the 3d chap. and a part of the 5th verse of John: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Elder J. E. Pearson at night preached from 1st chap. and latter part of the 15th verse of Mark: "Repent ye and believe the Gospel;" followed by Eld. D. D. Booth.

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## MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

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*MONDAY, Sept, 23, 1867, 9 o'clk, A. M.*

The Association was convened at this hour pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Eld. S. J. Denson.

The Moderator after making some pertinent remarks relative to our duties, announced the body ready for business.

The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and note absentees.

On motion, speeches were limited to ten minutes.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Correspondence was granted further time.

The Committee on Missions was granted further time.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was received, and while pending its adoption, the Committee on Preaching reported Elders Barrett and Booth to preach at the stand this afternoon.

The body again resumed the consideration of the report on Ministerial Education, which after some discussion, was recommitted to the Committee, with orders to report as soon as practicable.

The Committee on Publications made its report, which was received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

The Committee on Preaching made its report, which being found incomplete, was recommitted to the Committee with instructions to report as soon as practicable.

The Committee on Missions made its report, which consisted of two reports, designated as reports No. 1 and 2; both of which were received, and after some discussion report No. 1 was laid on the Table.

Report No. 2 was now taken up, and a substitute report was offered, by Bro. S. J. Denson, pending which by request of the Moderator, the Association engaged in prayer; led by our venerable brother, Elder John Rushing.

Leave of absence was granted J. T. Miles, Wm. Merchant and J. A. Henry from further attendance on this body.

The Association now adjourned one hour for dinner.

## EVENING SESSION.

The body was convened pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by praise; prayer by Eld. R. Crenshaw.

The body resumed the subject of Missions, and while pending, report No. 2, and substitute therefor were laid on the table.

A final report was now received and adopted. (See appendix B.) Upon which the body engaged in prayer led by the Moderator.

The Committee on State of Religion made its report, which was received and adopted. Upon which the Association engaged in prayer led by the Moderator. (See appendix C.)

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was received and adopted. (See appendix D.)

The Committee on Preaching and Nominations made their report, which was received and adopted. (See appendix E.)

The Committee on Finance made their report, (together with Treasurer's,) which was received and adopted. (See appendix F.)

The Executive Board made their report, which was received and adopted. (See appendix G.)

The appointment of Corresponding Messengers with other bodies was now taken up, and made as follows:

To Mt. Pisgah Association, Elders D. D. Booth, Wm. McMurtray, R. Crenshaw and P. M. Gaddis.

To Central Association, Jesse Hickman, I. N. Nichols, W. W. Nichols, Elds Wm. McMurtray, J. B. Shepherd, J. N. Denson and J. W. Bilbro.

Kosciusko Association, Elders R. G. Barrett and R. Crenshaw, and Robt. Redding.

Strong River Association, Elders Alfred Marshall, J. H. Whitfield and Wm. M. Taylor.

Baptist State Convention, Elders J. S. Antley, P. M. Gaddis, R. Crenshaw, Wm. McMurtray, D. W. Booth, J. H. Whitfield, Wm. Taylor, and Dr. J. M. Kelley.

Elder R. Crenshaw was granted leave from further attendance on this body.



## PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions and Preamble were adopted:

**WHEREAS;** Learning with sorrow that some of the churches have ignored the Resolutions passed by the unanimous voice of all the churches, at the last meeting of this body, with regard to "Our relations with the colored members;" And, Whereas, Learning that the deviation in some, has been caused by a want of knowledge of the action of this body; therefore,

*Resolved,* That the clerk be instructed to have republished in the Minutes the Resolutions passed by this body in relation thereto, at its meeting in September last.

*Resolved,* That the earnest attention of the churches is invited to them, as the multitudinous counsel of all the churches, and that *we beg of them for the sake of the cause of Christ; and the perpetuation of Baptist principles and practices, in their purity,* to endeavor to carry them out as far as possible for the future. (See appendix H.)

Bros. Antley and John Rushing were excused from further attendance on this body.

The Association now went into Committee of the Whole on the question where the Association shall be held at its next meeting, Elder P. M. Gaddis presiding.

The Committee rose and recommended that the next meeting of this body be held with the **CENTER HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Leake County, Mississippi.** Received and adopted.

The following was received and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to this Church and community for the hospitable manner in which the Delegates, Messengers and visitors have been entertained.

*Resolved,* That the Clerk be allowed twenty dollars, and the Treasurer ten dollars for their services.

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay over these allowances, and also, for the publication of Minutes.

The body now adjourned to meet with the Center Hill Baptist Church, Leake County, on Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in September, A. D., 1868.

WM. McMURTRAY, Moderator.

J. N. DENSON, Clerk.

# APPENDIX.

## (APPENDIX A.)

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

We are happy to find the Christian Watchman, our own State organ, published at Jackson, Hinds county, Miss., in its present new and improved appearance, in which style it commends itself to the liberal patronage of the Baptists of Mississippi, and especially throughout our Associational bounds.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. MARSHALL, Ch'n.

## (APPENDIX B.)

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, we believe that the Missionary Spirit is still alive with the churches of this Association, and a willingness to aid in this work, but how to perform *now* "we find not;" and, whereas, there is much destitution within our bounds, and a willingness of our Ministering brethren to supply the same by their own efforts; and, whereas, the encroachments of Infidelity and Romanism has increased the importance of occupying the whole field—or as much thereof as possible; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we request the Ministers within this Association, to look out the places of destitution within reach of each of them, which they can respectively supply, and that they report the same to the first meeting of the Ex. Board of this body.

*Resolved*, That the Messengers of this body be requested to act as voluntary agents to collect funds to pay these local Missionaries.

*Resolved*, That the churches be requested to assist the Ministers in these bounds in supplying such des-

titution, by forwarding contributions as the "Lord has prospered them."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. WHITFIELD, Ch'n.

### (APPENDIX C.)

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Antioch Church, is in peace and prosperous condition.

Bethesda, is in peace and desires your prayers.

Brandon, peace and harmony prevails.

Center Hill, prospering, and greatly revived.

Canaan, in peace—nothing cheering, but hope for a better day.

Doakes Creek, Mourns her condition, but anticipates a better day.

Fellowship, cold and barren and desires the prayers of this body.

Good Hope, Madison, in a prosperous condition.

Good Hope, Leake, in a prosperous condition.

Hayes' Creek, at peace, but mourns her coldness and asks your prayers.

Jerusalem, lacks proper unity to ensure success. She asks your prayers.

Liberty, is without a pastor, but strong faith that the Lord will supply.

Mt. Pisgah, revived, and some additions.

Mt. Zion, judging from her statistics she is cold.

Pensacola, very much revived and some additions.

Pleasant Hill, revived and prospering.

Pleasant Grove, at peace, but complain of coldness.

Rehoboth, at peace and prospering.

Thomastown, at peace one with another.

Pelahatchie, nothing special communicated.

Mt. Sinai, at peace.

New Zion, dissolved.

Mars Hill, dissolved.

Bethlehem, without a pastor but prospering.

Salem, a newly admitted member, in prosperous condition.

New prospect, not represented.

Prospect, dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MARSHALL, Ch'n.



## (APPENDIX D.)

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions, viz—  
**WHEREAS**; There exists an insufficient number of Ministerial Laborers in God's moral vineyard; and, *whereas*, an educated Ministry is necessary to the proper explanation of the word of God; and, *whereas*, the rapid strides of infidelity in its various forms, on the one hand, and the threatening attitude of Romanism on the other, cry aloud for an Educated Ministry; and, *whereas*, a number of young men within our bounds would become such laborers had they the means; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Association recommend to the churches composing it, the sending to this Association yearly a contribution of one dollar per head of its white members for educational purposes alone.

*Resolved*, That a Committee composed of one member from each church ratifying this recommendation, be appointed by the Moderator of this Association to take charge of this fund, and the selecting the beneficiaries of the same; which selection shall not extend beyond the bounds of this Association, unless suitable persons cannot be selected within the same, and in no case beyond the limits of this State.

*Resolved*, That those only shall become beneficiaries who are unable to pay the expense incident to such an education; if, however, the beneficiary is able to pay a part and not the whole expense the deficiency shall be supplied from this fund.

*Resolved*, That all beneficiaries shall be examined by said Committee as to their qualifications in every respect.

*Resolved*, That the churches are cordially advised to recommend such persons as may be suitable for beneficiaries.

*Resolved*, That the first church sending the largest contribution under these resolutions, be entitled to the first beneficiary.

*Resolved*, That the members of said Committee be chosen for life—provided the churches in which they have their membership remain in this Association—or good behavior.

*Resolved*, That this Committee may admit to its membership honorary members, upon their paying a fee to be determined by the Committee.

*Resolved*, That as soon as a church ratifies these Resolutions, and collects the contribution, its clerk shall immediately notify the Moderator of this Association, who shall be *ex-officio* chairman of this Committee, so that as early as possible these Resolutions may go into practical operation.

*Resolved*, That the members of this Association do by *this* resolution pledge themselves to each other, that they will use their utmost endeavors to get their respective churches to ratify these resolutions as soon as practicable, and raise the amount specified immediately upon said ratification.

*Resolved*, That as soon as one-half of the churches of this Association ratify these resolutions the same go into operation. Respectfully submitted,

A. MARSHALL, Ch'n.

J. S. ANTLEY,

J. H. WHITFIELD,

} Comm.

#### (APPENDIX E.)

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREACHING AND NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Preaching and Nominations, beg leave to make this our report, *viz*:

Elder R. G. Barrett preach the next Introductory Sermon—Elder D. D. Booth, alternate.

Elder J. S. Antley, preach the Missionary Sermon, on Sunday at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder S. J. Denson, alternate.

##### BOARD OF MANAGERS.

We recommend for Board of Managers the ensuing Associational year the following, *to-wit*:

Wm. McMurtray, S. J. Denson, P. M. Gaddis, F. C. Davis, Wm. Cockroft, Green Allen, J. N. Denson, W. W. Nichols, Henry Collier, S. C. Billingslea, James Fedrick, W. E. Talbot, W. W. Eley, A. Marshall, J. Beard, Wm. M. Taylor, and Wm. Gill.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. GADDIS, Ch'n.

## (APPENDIX F.)

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Amt sent from churches, Associational fund,	\$114 53
" " for R. Crenshaw,	54 90
Amt collected on Lord's day, Asso'l fund	26 20
Total sent up,	\$195 63

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct. Respectfully submitted,

W. W. NICHOLS, Ch'n.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WM. W. ELEY, in Account with Harmony Ass'n.  
1866.

		Dr.
Sept. 25.	Rec'd of Fin. Committee	\$223 35
"	" F. Alford for R. Crenshaw	1 00
"	" F. Alford for H. Missions	1 00
"	" Friendship church, "	11 85
"	" Jerusalem " "	7 40
June 29,	" Mt. Zion "	5 20
"	" Hayes Creek "	3 10
"	" Good Hope, " Leake,	3 05
	Total,	\$255 95
"	Advanced by Treasurer,	5 00

Total received \$260 95

WM. W. ELEY, Tr., Harmony B. Association,  
1866.

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Sept. 24.	By amt pd R. Crenshaw, S. A. M.	\$87 45
"	" R. G. Barrett, Miss.	9 25
"	" James N. Denson, Clk.	95 00
"	" Wm. McMurtray, Miss.	16 75
Sept. 25.	" S. J. Denson, Messenger	8 25
Apr. 15.	" Wm. M. McMurtray, Miss.	19 25
Sept. 16.	" Wm. M. McMurtray, Miss.	10 00
	Allowed Treasurer	10 00
	Due Treasurer, advanced	5 00

Total, \$260 95

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. ELEY, Tr.



## (APPENDIX G.)

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We beg leave to present the following report of the Executive Board of Harmony Baptist Association, for the Associational year of 1866-7:

Elder McMurtray who was appointed Missionary to operate within your own bounds, by your body at its last session, proceeded at once upon the work assigned him, but owing to sickness in his family, was unable to devote more than two-thirds of his time.

At the expiration of the first quarter, he reported to this Board, in December last, 44 received by Baptism.

The churches failing to send up any contributions, the Board felt constrained, notwithstanding the encouraging success of the enterprise, to discontinue operations, for a time, with the hope that at an early day the Board would be supplied with funds by the churches, to pay for the service already rendered, and to again place a missionary in the field.

To this end, the Board addressed *an appeal to the churches*, from the March meeting, to which, however, but few of the churches responded—which is shown in Treasurer's report—in fact not sufficient to liquidate the claim of the Missionary already due.

The Board at its called meeting in April, seeing the unwillingness or the inability of the churches to sustain this enterprise, by resolution turned over the whole matter to Domestic Board of the S. B. C. at Marion, Ala., and recommended the appointment of Eld. McMurtray to occupy this field, by that body; pledging our efforts to assist in sustaining this mission as far as possible, by turning over all funds that could be collected for this cause.

From this statement, you will observe that the cause of Missions has been suffered to go down, and the Harmony Baptist Association has ceased to be practically a Missionary body.

Churches of this Association! will you longer permit this? And if you are not able to sustain this Mission upon your own efforts, will you not, at least, contribute your "mites" to assist the Domestic Mission Board in sustaining a cause, in your midst, so worthy of your support?

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